

**SUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
12 January 2012**

Joe DeFranco	President	Bob Lussi	Commodore
Sequoia Sun	Programs		Skippers
Pat Lawrence	Secretary	Dawn Daly	Special Events
Margaret Lee	Membership	Gary Geffner	Special Events
Minnie Ingardia	Membership		Public Relations
	Sailing Events	Joe De Franco	Masthead, Editor
	Treasurer	Bob Leichtman	Vice Commodore
		Jim Tiernan	Education

Absent: Janet Steinberg, Chip Munk, Lory Crisorio, Charley Fisher
 2011 outgoing members present for transition: Cherie Flavin, Mary Villa,
 Meeting held at the Norwalk City Hall, Norwalk, CT

- I. **Call to Order** – Joe DeFranco called the meeting to order at 7:05.
 Time keeper for this meeting – Jim Tiernan
- II. **Welcome new members and thanks to old members.**

- II **Meeting Minutes** – November 10, 2011
**Motion to approve November 10, 2011 minutes as amended: Margaret.
 2nd:Sequoia. Vote: unanimous to approve.**

- III. **Treasurer’s Report:** Margaret Lee read year end report summary for 2011 in
 Chip Munk’s absence. Report attached. **Motion to approve Treasurer’s
 report : Jim. 2nd Gary. Vote: unanimous to approve.**
 Joe will send copy of 2012 Budget to new committee members
- IV. **Communications:** none received.

- V. **Director/Committee Reports**
“Ideas” Committee – Margaret Lee reports that Rick was elected
 chair. First issue to be brought to the Board for consideration is the way the
 Board is elected. The committee members discussed leaving the nominating
 procedure as it is but allow full club membership to vote. Next meeting of the
 committee to be held at Ponus YC on January 19, prior to social meeting.

25th Anniversary Committee- Cherie Flavin reported that the committee met
 twice and planning is under way. There are about 12 committee members. Dawn is working
 on a party to be held in conjunction with the Silver Cup Race. Skippers to plan a celebration
 race.

Membership – Margaret Lee reports no new members in December and to date in January.
 Request is made for Co- chair of the committee to be able to access the membership list on
 website. Margaret will ask Norm for help on this. There are 168 total paid and lifetime
 members including 41 skippers. There were 26 new members in 2011. Cherie requests that
 the Hotline number be passed on to Minnie. The contract with Sprint expires in February and
 the change can be made at time of contract renewal. Phone Number is published on the SUS
 website.

Newsletter – Arlene is putting out January issue.

Sailing Events- 0

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Public Relations – Sequoia suggests use of online publications to publicize SUS events. He will put together a list of possibilities. Lory Crisorio will review and cull the list to ID the most appropriate sites for us to use. Lory to check *Windcheck's* website for lead time. Consider a note in hard copy that lists all dates of program meetings w. website information for *Windcheck* readers to access further details.

Skippers – Next meeting January 26 to elect Board of Skippers Committee.

Special Events – Dawn Daly reports brunch on January 29 at noon at the Long Ridge Tavern is set. Price is \$33 pp. February Dinner will be at 6:30 at the Crab Shell 2/16. Christmas party lost about \$1,398.78 including \$500 allocated to pay for the band.

Programs – Sequoia reports that the first program meeting is in April. He will request members to submit subjects or suggest speakers. All speakers from last 25 years are now on an Excel spreadsheet. He is also tracking attendance

Education – Jim Tiernan reports that there is a request by skippers for CPR and First Aid Training. Jim is checking with Red Cross re pricing. He will poll the skippers to see what is important for crew to know. A report is needed re what members have met requirements for renewal of membership. Jim will contact Norm in next 2 weeks for list.

Website Committee — Sequoia reports RFP's were sent and replies reviewed. Sequoia's report attached. **Motion by Sequoia: SUS Board to increase one-time expenditure allocation in the 2012 Budget to redesign the website by \$400 to \$2,400, plus the cost of annual hosting (\$50-\$67), and domain name registration. 2nd: Dawn. Vote: 9 yes – 1 opposed – motion passed.** Next step is for committee to finalize details and execute contract with Heather Claus. Joe will sign for SUS. Warrantee needed.

Nominating Committee – Newsletter Editor position open. – Bob Leichtman's report attached. Rick to be acting editor until permanent editor can be found.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. **Meeting venues for 2012.** – Vivian reports that the January, March, April, May, September and October social meetings will be held at Ponus YC. Other venues have been contacted, but nothing is signed as yet. Vivian will continue to work with Bob.
- b. **Facebook group** – club ownership of site pending. We can administer the website that Howie started. Someone needs to check Facebook rules re transferring Howie's site to SUS name. Cherie – Set up a Facebook presence for SUS. There will be a Facebook like App. included in the new website for social networking.
- c. Discuss **member/observer attendance** and finalize motion for next meeting – Joe will create wording.

VII. New Business

- a. Transition of 2012 Board member responsibilities complete.
- b. Joe will make necessary changes to membership application ASAP.

III Motion to adjourn: Jim. 2nd Dawn. Vote unanimous to adjourn. Time: 9:25

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